(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(d) Yes.

(e) The petitioners were told that there is at present no proposal to divert the road at the bazaar portion.

Failure of Kole crops—scheme to store water.

264. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) does the Government know that there have been failure of crops in the Kole region in various localities;

(b) if so, has the Government made an enquiry into the causes of the same;

(c) does not the Kole cultivation suffer from paucity of water at some time and too much of water at other times;

(d) has the Government any definite plan to store water when there is an abundant supply of it and to distribute the same when there is the need for it;

(e) does the Government know that the carrying out of a scheme for the above-mentioned purpose will considerably alleviate the distress of a large section of the people round about the Kole area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Kole cultivation is generally successful. It is affected adversely in abnormal years.

(d) Government think that the most reliable scheme to irrigate the Kole lands is the scheme for the diversion of the Chalakkudi river which is now under their consideration.

(e) Yes.

Construction of a bridge over Enamakkal Ferry.

265. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutti.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they intend to construct a bridge over the Enamakkal ferry;

(b) if the answer to sub-division (a) is in the affirmative

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whether they have taken any definite step towards the attainment of the object;

(c) whether the putting up of a bridge over the Enamakkal ferry will not facilitate traffic from Kanjani to Guruvayur and Chowghat?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Yes.

Vypeen — Pallippuram road.

266. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total length of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road;

(b) the total length so far opened for traffic;

(c) the total length so far metalled;

(d) whether they propose to extend this road up to the Travancore boundary in the north; and

(e) when it is proposed to complete this road and whether the whole road would be suitable for vehicular traffic?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 15 miles.

(b) 5½ miles.

(c) 5½ miles.

(d) Yes.

(e) It cannot be said for certain when the road will be completed; it depends upon funds. The road, when completed, will be suitable for vehicular traffic.

Water Works Establishments.

267. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) is the Water Works establishments at Ernakulam permanent;

(2) are the establishments for Water Works at Mattancheri, Trichur, Nemmara and Ayloor also permanent;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state, why they have not been made permanent as yet;

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